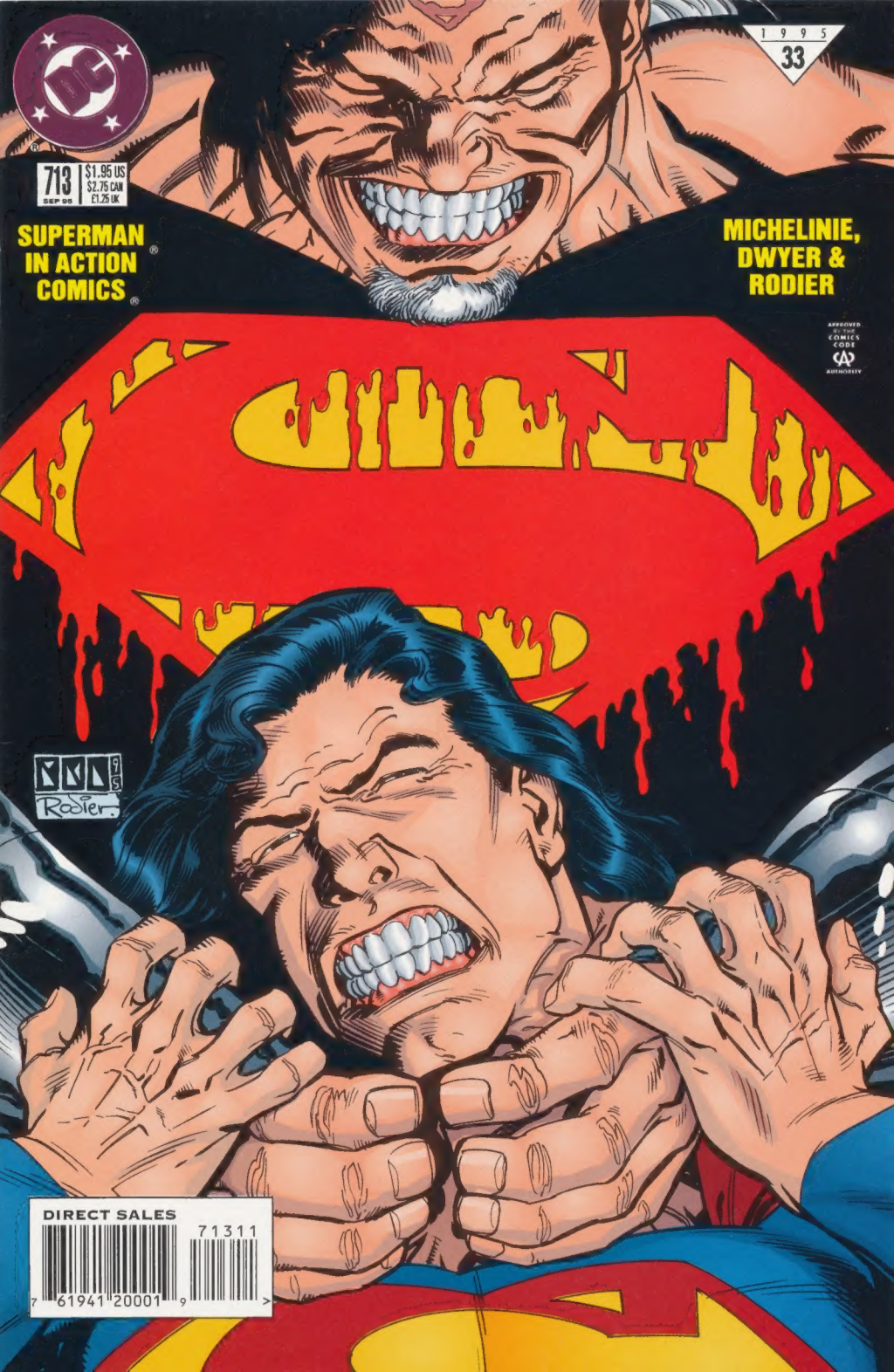
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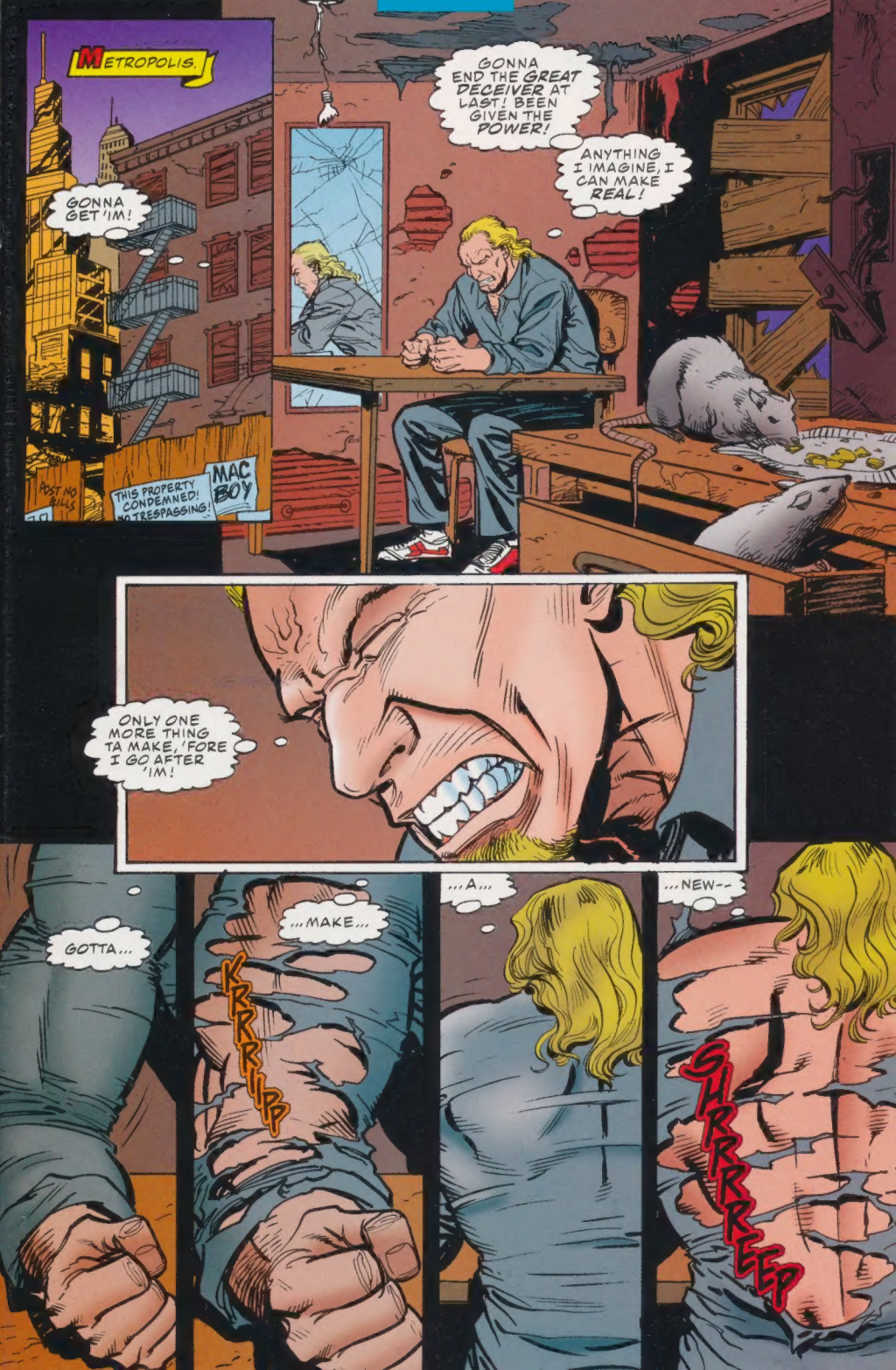
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GONNA GET 'IM!
POST NO BILLS
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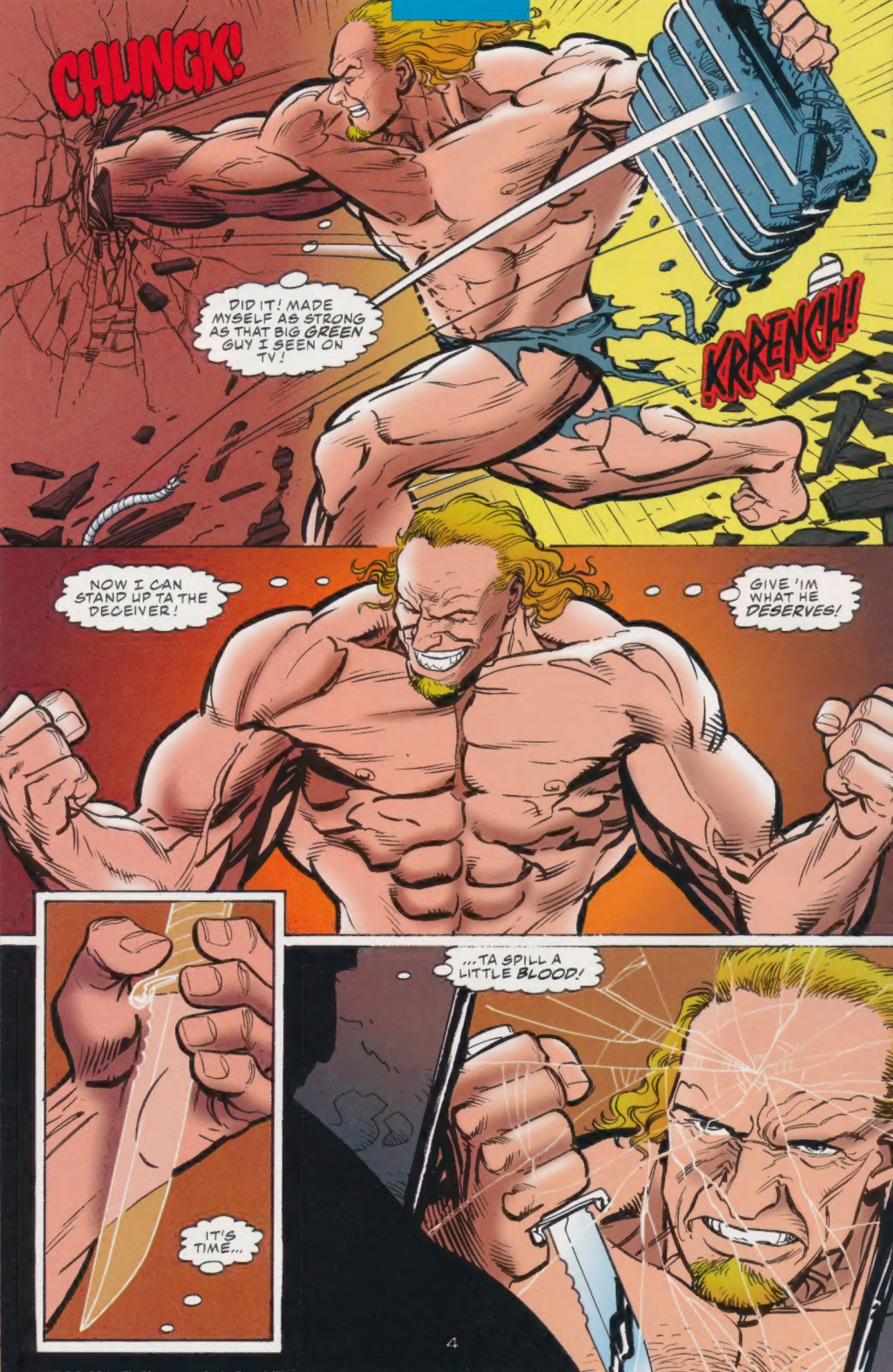
CHUNGK!
DID IT! MADE MYSELF AS STRONG AS THAT BIG GREEN GUY I SEEN ON TV!
KRRENCH!
NOW I CAN STAND UP TA THE DECEIVER!
GIVE 'IM WHAT HE DESERVES!
IT'S TIME...
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OVERREACTING?

NO I'M NOT. IT'S **HUGE**. IT'S **UGLY**. IT'S THE HUGEST UGLIEST **ZIT** ANYBODY'S EVER HAD. AND TO BLAST IT INTO THE NEXT SOLAR SYSTEM IS GOING TO TAKE SOMETHING **WICKED**. SOMETHING POWERFUL. **SOMETHING** THAT DOESN'T JUST DEEP CLEAN BUT HAS **MORE KILLER STUFF** IN IT THAN THE NUMBER ONE PAD TO **ZAP ZITS**. AND THAT SOMETHING IS THIS **RIGHTEOUS** LITTLE **PAD** FROM **CLEARASIL®**.

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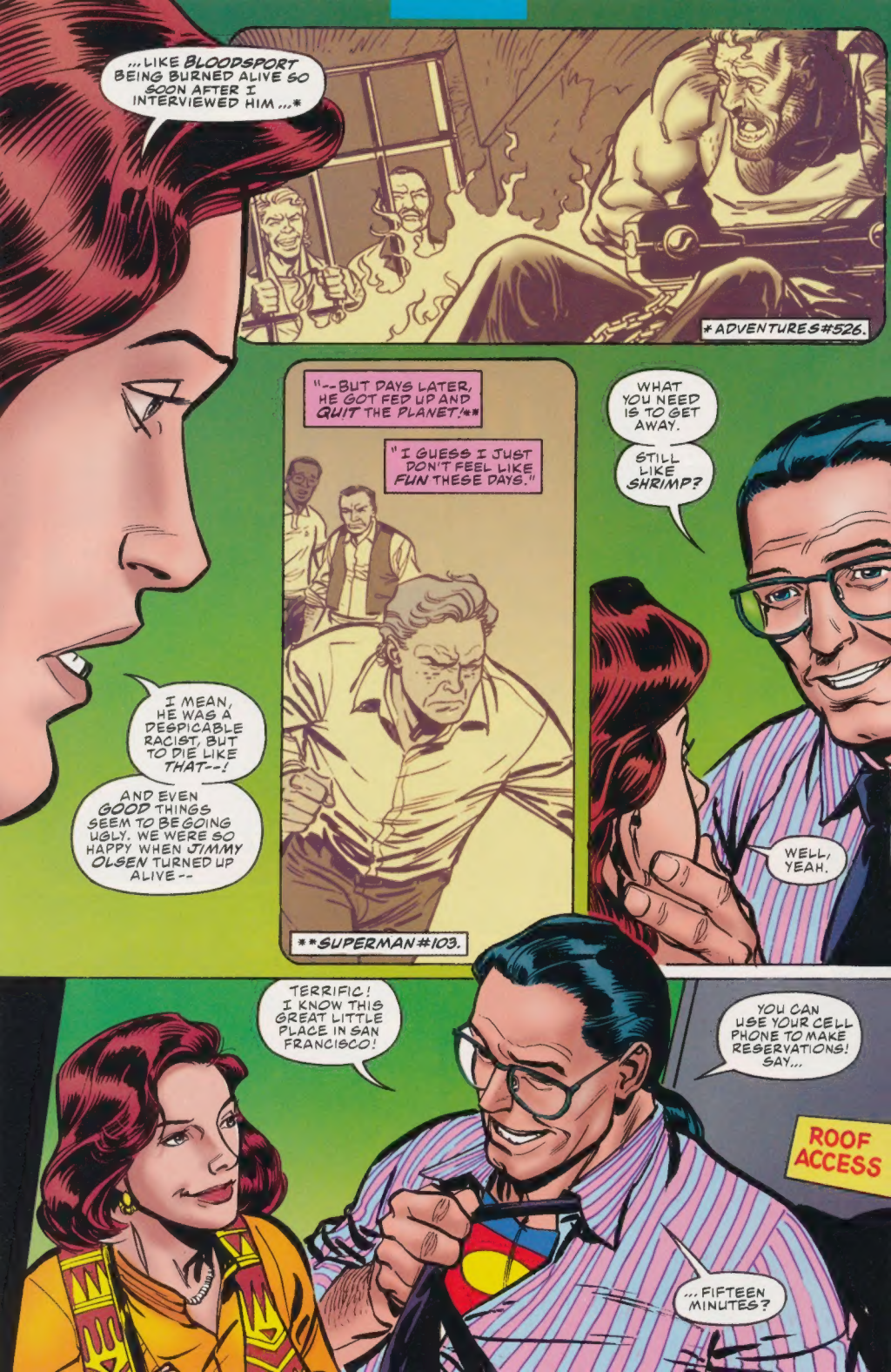
DUSK; THE DAILY PLANET.
:whew: ROUGH DAY!
CARE TO JOIN LOIS AND ME, RON? LET OFF A LITTLE STEAM?
hmh?
EXIT
ROOF ACCESS
OH, UM, NO THANKS, CLARK!
GOT PLANS!
I-I MEAN, NOTHING SPECIAL OR ANYTHING!
I'M JUST--TH-THAT IS, I--er...
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
WELL, YOUNG MR. TROUPE CERTAINLY SEEMED NERVOUS! MUST HAVE A HOT DATE!
SOUND GOOD TO YOU?
NOT REALLY, CLARK. AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED LATELY...


...LIKE BLOODSPORT BEING BURNED ALIVE SO SOON AFTER I INTERVIEWED HIM...*
*ADVENTURES #526.
"--BUT DAYS LATER, HE GOT FED UP AND QUIT THE PLANET!"**
"I GUESS I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE FUN THESE DAYS."
**SUPERMAN #103.
I MEAN, HE WAS A DESPICABLE RACIST, BUT TO DIE LIKE THAT--!
AND EVEN GOOD THINGS SEEM TO BE GOING UGLY. WE WERE SO HAPPY WHEN JIMMY OLSEN TURNED UP ALIVE--
WHAT YOU NEED IS TO GET AWAY.
STILL LIKE SHRIMP?
WELL, YEAH.
TERRIFIC! I KNOW THIS GREAT LITTLE PLACE IN SAN FRANCISCO!
YOU CAN USE YOUR CELL PHONE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS! SAY...
ROOF ACCESS
...FIFTEEN MINUTES?

AND, ONE HOUR LATER, IN MIDTOWN METROPOLIS...
BIG BELLY BURGER
YOU WERE NERVOUS ABOUT CALLING ME? FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, RON, WHY?
SAY YES MEISTER
EVERYTHING'S BETTER WITH CHORIZO!
BULL!
GUESS I WAS WORRIED HOW YOU FELT, JIMMY. YOU KNOW--
--ABOUT MY PART IN YOUR BLOW-UP WITH PERRY WHITE?
GUT-BUSTER
BIG BELLY BURGER
HEY, SO YOUR "ARCLIGHT" STORY WAS PUBLISHED INSTEAD OF MINE! THAT WAS PERRY'S DECISION! YOU WERE JUST DOING YOUR JOB!
SAME AS ME!
--I KNOW HOW TOUGH FREE-LANCING CAN BE. IF I CAN PASS ON ANY TIPS WITHOUT COMPROMISING MY OBLIGATIONS TO THE PLANET, I'LL TRY!
THANKS, BUDDY!
SHOULD'VE FIGURED YOU'D UNDERSTAND. LISTEN--
YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND, RON.
SMACK
er... ahem... DON'T MENTION IT!

I'LL KEEP IN TOUCH!
SAY YES MEISTER
CHEEZMEISTER
LIPIN ST
DON'T WALK
BE CAREFUL ON THOSE MEAN STREETS, R.T.!
LUCY'S SWEET. THAT JIMMY'S ONE LUCKY--
SPARE CHANGE?
HMM? OH! THINK I'VE GOT A QUARTER...
NOT ENOUGH FOR A COFFIN, TROUPE!
R-RAMSEY MURDOCH?!
I REMEMBER YOU, TOO, FOUR-EYES! SAW YA IN THE PRESS BOX AT MY TRIAL!
PRISON BULLS EVEN LET ME READ THE ARTICLE YA WROTE.
WANNA GUESS HOW MUCH I DIDN'T LIKE IT...?

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I LIKE THAT MUCH BETTER!
I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK I'D NEED A TUTOR TO TEACH YOU TO SMILE AGAIN!
PIER 39
I'VE GOT A LOT TO SMILE ABOUT. YOU'RE A WONDER, CLARK.
BEING WITH YOU SAVES ME A FORTUNE IN PSYCHIATRY BILLS!
BEING WITH YOU SAVES ME FROM A LOT WORSE! FEEL LIKE A WALK?
ICE CREAM
mm-hmm. IT'S SO NICE TO JUST RELAX AND--
ALCATR
ME AND MY BIG MOUTH.
PLANET?
BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP
YOU, TOO, huh? I'LL CALL IN.
HI, THIS IS LOIS LANE. WHAT--
OH, MY GOD!

THREE THOUSAND MILES TO THE EAST.
LEX VIDEO COPIERS CAMERAS
THE WHITTY BANTER SHOW. IT'S BANTERRIFIC!
:krrzzt: HERNANDEZ! CAN YOU GET A CLEAN SHOT?
NEGATIVE, CAPTAIN! HOSTAGE IS IN THE WAY!
EBEDIAH CARLIN!
SUPERMAN! THANK HEAVEN!
THAT LUNATIC SAID HE'D KILL THE KID IF YOU DIDN'T SHOW!
OKAY, I'M HERE!
LET HIM GO!
I KNEW YA'D COME! 'CAUSE THAT'S WHAT HE WOULDA DONE!
BUT YOU'RE A FAKE, A DECEIVER--THE GREAT DECEIVER!
THE REAL SUPERMAN'S DEAD! I GOT PROOF RIGHT HERE!
DUPED AGA
:sigh: AGAIN? THAT WHOLE INCIDENT WAS ONE OF BRAINIAC'S MIND GAMES!
THE COFFIN IN THAT PICTURE IS EMPTY!

DON'T KNOW HOW YA KEEP THE REST O' THE WORLD FOOLED, BUT I'M DIFFERENT!
AN' I'M GONNA USE IT TA END YA FOREVER!
DUPED AG
GOT THE POWER O' TRUTH!
RON'S CLEAR!
HEAT VISION SHOULD MAKE SURE NO ONE ELSE GETS THREATENED!
TSSSSS
BIG DEAL! DON'T NEED IT NOW, ANYWAY!
USED IT FOR THE LAST TIME...
...TA CARVE ME A BADGE!

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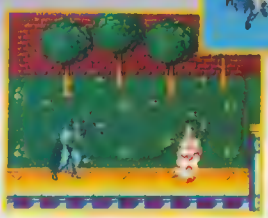

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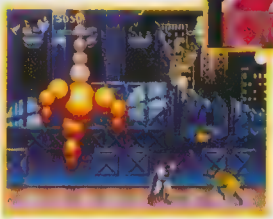

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I ALWAYS HATED PEOPLE WHO LIED, WHO TWISTED TRUTH TA HURT OTHERS!
BUT SUPERMAN DIED PROTECTIN' US ALL FROM DOOMSDAY!
AN' SUPERMAN WAS A CHAMPION O' TRUTH!
SO NOW I'M HIS CHAMPION! AN' I'M GONNA BE A SAVIOUR--
--SAVIN' THE WORLD FROM THE PRETENDER WHO TOOK A REAL HERO'S NAME!
WHOA!
CAREFUL, CLARK! THERE'S MORE TO THIS GUY THAN WE KNOW...!
BETTER SETTLE THINGS FAST, BEFORE ANYONE GETS HUR--

WHOMP!
:ungf:
WHAM!
STRONG!
T-TOO STRONG FOR JUST MUSCLES!
W-WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
I'LL SAVE YOU, SOOPYMAN! POW! POW!
XL 3000
GET BACK HERE, YOU IDIO--
--I MEAN, BE CAREFUL, DARLING!
GUN? GOOD IDEA--
'CEPT MINE'LL SEND THAT CAPE-CLAD WANNABE--
--STRAIGHT TA HELL!
VVRATCH!

I DID IT! I'M THE SAVIOUR! I'M--
SATAN SAYS "HI"!
BWOK!
OH, MAN! N-NEVER SHOULDA HAD THAT LASHT SHPRITZER!
W-WHAT NEKSHT-- PINK ELEPHANTSH?!
"PINK..."?
:heh:
WHY NOT?
THAT RUMBLING! WHAT--?
HO-LY...!

SEVERAL BLOCKS NORTH...
THINGS HAVE ESCALATED DOWN AT METRO SQUARE! WE NEED ANOTHER CAMERA CREW ON-SITE!
MARTIN, CHAVEZ, GRAB YOUR GEAR AND GET DOWN THERE!
ON OUR WAY, TOOTS!
WGBS
DAG LIEB BOOT
HEY!
FRIENDS CALL ME "CAT."
YOU CAN CALL ME "MS. GRANT."
BUT NO ONE-- NO ONE-- CALLS ME "TOOTS!"
:hmph: TOO BAD THE STATION OWNER AIN'T A BROAD. I COULDA WIGGLED MY LITTLE FANNY INTO A PROMOTION, TOO!
IS... IS THAT WHAT THEY ALL THINK?

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THINK THAT'S ALL OF THEM!
NOW TO--
WHUPP!
AGHK!
Estes STRAIGHT MARINATED GAME
PUNANY PRINTER
LIARS HAVE WEAK SPINES! SO I SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE MASHIN' YOURS TA POWDER!
LET--
--GO!
SHSSS
I GOT TRUTH ON MY SIDE! WHATEVER I IMAGINE COMES TRUE!
SO ANYTHING YOU CAN DO...!

--I CAN DO BETTER!
FWASSHH!
BAGEL BOY
HAVE TO USE LUNG-POWER--TRY TO BLOW OUT THE FLAMES!
GOOD LORD! H-HE SET THE WHOLE BLOCK ON FIRE!
THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THOSE BUILDINGS!
HATE TURNING MY BACK ON SAVIOUR, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE!

HE DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE! THAT MONSTER'S GOING TO PULP HIM WHILE HIS BACK'S TURNED!
SUPERMAN HELPED ME! I CAN'T JUST STAND AROUND AND WATCH!
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY WEAPONS, ANY POWERS! ALL I'VE GOT IS--
--KNOWLEDGE?
YEAH! THAT *STORY* ON MURDOCH! IF I PUT WHAT I LEARNED *THERE* TOGETHER WITH WHAT HE JUST *SAID*...!
LIAR, LIAR--
--BRAIN ON FIRE!
PRETTY WEAK, MURDOCH-- CONSIDERING *YOU'RE* THE LIAR!
WHA--?

SNIVELIN' DWEEB! OF ALL PEOPLE--
--YOU SHOULD KNOW I LIVE FOR TRUTH!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I HEARD!
IN DOING MY ARTICLE, I TALKED TO FOLKS WHO KNEW YOU! THEY SAID YOU ALWAYS MADE EXCUSES FOR YOUR OWN FAILURES, BLAMED YOUR SHORT-COMINGS ON EVERY-ONE ELSE!
YOU COULDN'T ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCREWING UP, SO YOU BLAMED IT ON LIES AND FRAUD! YOU USED RIGHTEOUSNESS AS A SHIELD!
SHUT UP!
HE'S TURNING!
AND I WANTED THIS?
UID!? T-TOO LATE TO CHANGE MY MIND NOW...!
YOU FIXATED ON SUPERMAN, BECAUSE HE'S ALL YOU AREN'T!
STOP IT! S-STOP--!
ALMOST OUT!
YOU'RE A SMALL MAN, MURDOCH! INSIDE, YOU REALLY THINK THAT, DON'T YOU? AND WHAT YOU THINK--
--COMES TRUE!

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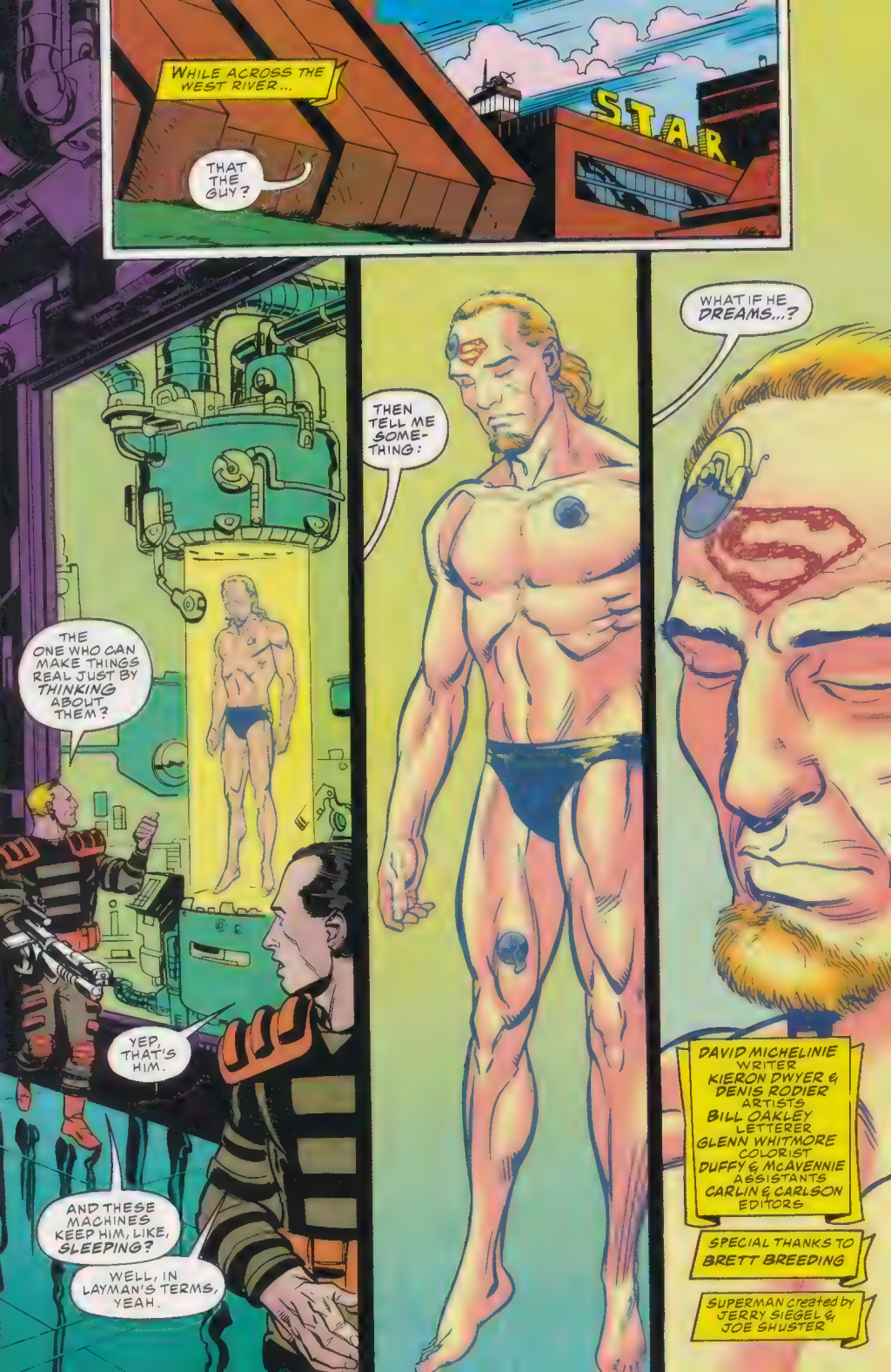
IT WORKED! HIS ACTUAL SELF-IMAGE--THE TRUTH--IS TAKING AWAY THE POWER HE CREATED FOR HIMSELF!
SUPERMAN!
NOW!
IT...IT WAS A TRICK?
DECEIVER!
THRAM!
TAGGED HIM BEFORE HE COULD MAKE HIMSELF INVULNERABLE AGAIN! THANKS, RON!
WANT TO RETURN THE FAVOR?
SURE!
THEN CATCH ME--I THINK I'M GONNA FAINT!

THE NEXT MORNING...
I DON'T GET IT!
I MEAN, THESE DIAGNOSTIC REPORTS FROM S.T.A.R. LABS DON'T MAKE SENSE!
THEY SAY THE GUN MURDOCH MADE AS SAVIOUR WAS HOLLOW!
AND HOW ABOUT THE AUTOPSY THEY DID ON ONE OF THOSE "ELEPHANTS"?
RESULTS SHOWED IT WAS NOTHING BUT MEAT! NO ORGANS, NO BRAIN!
IT'S LIKE THEY ONLY WORKED BECAUSE MURDOCH WANTED THEM TO WORK!
YOU KNOW, BRAINIAC CREATES THINGS -- ILLUSIONS!
AND MURDOCH'S SERIAL KILLINGS STARTED ABOUT THE TIME BRAINIAC MADE THE WORLD BELIEVE SUPERMAN'S BODY WAS STILL IN ITS COFFIN!
AND MURDOCH'S THE ONLY ONE WHO STILL SEES IT THERE!
COULD BE A CONNECTION. AT LEAST WE'LL BE ABLE TO LOOK FOR IT IN PEACE--
--NOW THAT THE DANGER IS OVER!


WHILE ACROSS THE WEST RIVER...
THAT THE GUY?
STAR
THE ONE WHO CAN MAKE THINGS REAL JUST BY THINKING ABOUT THEM?
YEP. THAT'S HIM.
AND THESE MACHINES KEEP HIM, LIKE, SLEEPING?
WELL, IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, YEAH.
THEN TELL ME SOMETHING:
WHAT IF HE DREAMS...?
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Dear Super-Team:

ACTION COMICS has never been better! The stories are fresh and exciting, and the art is superb! The latest issue, #709, was no exception. The cover was stunning; Jackson Guice captured the expressions on Superman's and Guy Gardner's faces very well. The story inside was every bit as good as the cover, and the two-page spread that opened the story was marvelous. Warrior was drawn quite well throughout, and the idea of his coming to Superman for help shows that he's not a jerk all the time; it seems he's being portrayed a little differently now.

The appearance of Dan Turpin in civvies was a nice touch. Seeing Superman take time out from the fight to check on the injured truck driver was good, too. It shows how much the Man of Steel really cares about people. Hey, how about doing a follow-up story on the truck driver? It would be nice to see how his life has been changed by his encounter with Superman. Show how Superman really affects people's lives.

The growing "I Know" plot looks really good; I can't wait to see how it develops in the next few issues, and to read SUPERMAN #100. (Any chance you can have it shipped a week early? Didn't think so.) I have my own theories about the plot. It seems someone's about to reveal the Man of Steel's identity to the world. Who? Conduit seems the most likely one to do so. Unless it's someone else, someone like...*Conduit?* Or could it be...*Conduit?* Am I close? Am I at the right end of the alphabet? Even if I'm not, thanks for a great issue. Keep 'em comin', willya?

Thomas Shupp
Hambleton, WV

We will, Thomas, and thanks. Good suggestion regarding how Superman affects people's lives, by the way, though we have shown that from time to time. Case in point: John Henry Irons, who was rescued by Superman during Doomsday's rampage in Metropolis. He honored the then-late Man of Steel's memory by becoming Steel.

And, sorry, but Conduit, Conduit and Conduit are all wrong. The mystery villain was, in fact, Conduit. Thanks for playing.

*****

Dear Re:Action (re: ACTION COMICS #709):

Guy Gardner gone bonkers, huh? I can buy it.

The "or" of the story's interior title reminded me very strongly of Rocky and Bullwinkle; an intentional aside, I'm sure.

On the whole, ACTION #709 was another quality read from Michelinie, Guice and Co. Solid story, solid art...the trademark of the Superbooks. I think maybe it's the simplicity of the whole deal that appeals to everybody. Every week, even if every other comic you buy stinks (which has never happened to me, although I've heard of it), you can count on a great Superman book from the Super-Team for a measly buck-fifty (soon to be a not-quite-so-measly buck-ninety-five). I didn't buy WARRIOR #30 because I just couldn't afford an extra book this week, but I'm sure Guy'll turn out okay before plunging into the alien invasion that is forthcoming.

ACTION COMICS #709

As for the "I Know" person, it can be no one else *but* Conduit! Who else has a mad-on for Clark Kent (besides Lois, that is)?

Ooh, now *there's* an idea...

John Kozempel
Philadelphia, PA

Maybe we were thinking of Rocky and Bullwinkle, John, or maybe we just couldn't decide among the four titles we had for this story. We'll never tell! Only Conduit knew the truth, and he's dead now.

What?! You didn't buy WARRIOR #30?!? Better not let Guy find out; the last Vuldarian doesn't take kindly to people ignorin' him!

Dear Re:Action:

I think this is my first letter to Re: Action, even though I've been with the Superman family since before ACTION COMICS became a purely Superman title again. But today I find myself sitting at my word processor, writing to my favorite DC titles, so I figured I'd drop you guys a few lines too, since I really enjoyed this latest installment. Not surprisingly, I find that my favorite Superman stories are the ones with other DC heroes guest-starring. And ACTION #709 was another great guest-star issue. Starting with the fantastic splash page of Warrior that Mr. Guice provided, we fans were able to witness a big step in Guy Gardner's evolution, not only as a hero, but even more important, as a human being. He humbled himself ("humbled" is a relative term, in Guy's case) and came to Superman for help. They have quite a history for not being the best of friends; Superman was once a big reason why Guy quit the Justice League for awhile. Of course, Superman's automatic willingness to aid Guy is yet another of the countless testaments to his deserving the title of "hero."

I really meant for this to be a quick note, but you've got me going now! A lot of other little things helped make this issue a great read. "Grummett Transportation"—a fine mention of one of my favorite Superman/Superboy artists; I can't wait to have him back on the upcoming MAN OF TOMORROW series. And the hints of Conduit's return. Yeah, you don't fool me; "I Know" that's who's sending the notes! Mr. Michelinie's use of Dan Turpin in this story was quite a bonus, too. He's a likable character—tough without being a cynical jerk. I hope he still gets his well-earned vacation.

Who's this guy who killed Senator Fulton? What's up with that guy? Should I know what's going on, or is this a setup for a future story? My curiosity is piqued.

Wow! A whole letter without a single complaint! You gotta love that! But then, what's there to complain about? This was a great issue. Thanks! See ya in 30!

Tyler L. Schiess
Lodi, CA

Ooh, nice try, Tyler, but the guy who sent Clark the postcards was none other than Conduit. And after what happened to Turpin in #710, it's safe to say he's earned himself another extended vacation.

As for the Saviour, maybe you wanna know more about him, but you

*don't really want him to know **you**, especially after what he did this issue! And yes, we love letters without complaints. We love letters **with** complaints. Heck, we just love letters!*

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Dear Super-writers:

In reference to ACTION #709, let's all close our eyes for just a moment and picture this: Shorten Supes's hair and add a visor. Change the words "Warrior" at the top, and "Loses It!" at the bottom. Then change Warrior's costume, give him a weird haircut, don the weapon for a hand, add a ring, and...AAAHHHH!!! You have ACTION #688, right down to the #16 on the triangle!

Well, at least the *back* of the book is different.

When I first looked at the cover, I experienced this eerie feeling of *déjà vu*. I ran upstairs and began to leaf through my back issues till...*Voilà!* I knew what I punched up in the mental archives couldn't be wrong. Then I looked at the last page and found the confirmation I was looking for.

Of course, what was between the covers was totally different and enjoyable. I just have one question: Was this an "incredible coincidence" of similarity, because you wished to see how many of us were on our toes, or did you do it again just because it was so darn good the first time?

Superman rules...as always.

Chris Davidson
LeRaysville, PA

Hey, we loved the cover of ACTION #688, and since we had a chance to pair up the new Warrior with the real Superman, we figured we'd go with what worked before.

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Dear Editors:

Differences between the covers of ACTION #709 and #688: Slightly more orange; "Reign of the Warrior"; different triangle color; different hairstyles; no goggles; no shirt or jacket for Gardner; symbol not attached to cape; no right hand for Gardner; no ring; no eyeballs; body paint; written by Michelinie; direct sales box; different-colored approval code; Canadian price increase; different-sized U.K. price; Guy "Loses It!" instead of "Chooses Sides!" I'm *not* going into the differences on the inside of the comic!

Similarities: It's still a great comic book.

Aaron Pollak
Suffern, NY

P.S. If anyone wants to talk to me about Superman, write to me on America Online at APollak@aol.com.

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Dear ACTION people:

I just finished ACTION #709, and it was great. I've been collecting Superman comics ever since that big death incident about two years back and have really enjoyed your artwork and storylines.

Anyway, back to ACTION #709. Again, it was great, one of the best. Supes and Guy dukin' it out, with radioactive waste about to contaminate all of Metropolis's water. I especially liked all the little details, like the cover being basically the same as ACTION #688 (but with the real Supes and the new Warrior), and the mailbox below Clark's reading J. Shuster.

Now, about that "I Know" business, I think I know who knows (if you know what I mean). It has to be, it's *got* to be, there's no doubt about it—Conduit. There's only one man who wants both Clark Kent and Superman dead that bad. But anyways, you guys have been doing a great job. Keep up the good work.

Kyle Gwyn
Salem, OR

*Obviously, almost everybody who wrote in knew it was Conduit, but almost no one had a suggestion on how Clark should stop the guy. That is, until **now...***

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Dear Editors of Steel:

As a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, I'd like to take this opportunity to commend Clark Kent's mailman. Not only has the poor soul had to deal with a tremendous influx of mail, all bearing the same, redundant "I Know" message, he's also had to deliver a great many letters with improper addresses.

According to ACTION COMICS #709, a super-villain has been sending postcards to Clark at 306 Clinton Street. I always thought that Clark lived at *344* Clinton Street. There's also no apartment number on any of this mail. Thank goodness Clark's carrier is conscientious, or else these threats—since they have no return addresses—would be sitting in the dead letter office.

If Kenny "Conduit" Braverman really is behind this, I hope he gets charged with delay of mail when he's caught. That should tack about 20 years onto his sentence.

Actually, I wanted to comment on the name of the mailbox under Clark's—J. Shuster. Naturally, many of us took this as a reference to Superman creator Joe Shuster, who died a few years back. I've often pondered what the afterlife will be like, and one possibility—as one of my friends once told me—is that "Heaven" is whatever you want it to be.

If this is true, then perhaps Clark's neighbor J. Shuster may actually be our Joe. What better fate than to live so near the great hero he helped to create.

Rob Falcone
Staten Island, NY

We here aboard the Super-Team echo such nice sentiments regarding Joe Shuster, Rob. Thanks for writing.

*And ya hear that, Braverman, ya young punk?! You may get Superman, but nobody, **nobody**, messes with the U.S. Postal Service! A Baldy's in the mail, Rob (unless Kenny got to it first)!*

—Mike McAvennie
Promises to tip the postman at Christmas from now on.

NEXT WEEK: Things get wet 'n' wild in MAN OF STEEL #48 when Aquaman guest-stars, particularly since Superman suspects his friend has finally gone off the deep end (so to speak)! Sea monsters are attacking California, and all the evidence points to the former sea king. And if you've read AQUAMAN these days, you'll realize it's impolite to point *anything* at him! Keepin' us afloat in seven are Louise Simonson, Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke.

IN TWO WEEKS: In SUPERMAN #104, a Para-Demon asks for Superman's help after getting on his master's "dark side." (Yes, that *was* a bad pun.) Talk about a bad career move! But don't worry—Superman can help him... right? All aboard! Boom Tube to Apokolips, takin' off in fourteen days! Your conductors for this ride are Dan Jurgens, guest-penciller José Luis García-López and Joe Rubinstein. Enjoy, and please, no standing while the Boom Tube is in operation. Thank you.

IN THREE WEEKS: The Alpha Centurion arrives in ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #527! Lois sees him as Metropolis's latest ally, while Superman perceives him as the city's newest threat. Of course, our hero might be just a teensy bit jealous, since he last saw the Centurion in another timeline as Metropolis's hero and the love of Lois's life. Does Superman have good reason to be worried? You'll just have to wait twenty-one days when Karl Kesel, Stuart Immonen and Jose Marzan, Jr. stir things up a bit.

IN FOUR WEEKS: The Joker pays a visit to Metropolis, leaving a smile on everyone's faces—everyone he *murders*, that is! Seems someone's been making a killing with a Joker action figure in the toy stores, and the Joker's out to do the same to the manufacturer. It's bound to be no laughing matter for either the city or Superman. Breaking out the whoopee cushions in twenty-eight days are David Michelinie, Kieron Dwyer and Denis Rodier.

Superman's gonna be more than a little ferklempt after the Saviour's done puttin' the squeeze on him! In fact, penciller Kieron Dwyer, inker Denis Rodier, colorist Suzanne Bourdages, and separator Android Images were all choked up while working on this month's cover. Sheesh, get a grip already, willya?!?

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